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AT WEEKLY YUGOSLAV FOREIGN OFFICE PRESS CONFERENCE OCTOBER 12, OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN MADE FOLLOWING COMMENT ON "AMERICAN RESTRICTIONS ON FOREIGN SHIPS CARRYING CARGO TO CUBA":

"YUGOSLAVIA RESOLUTELY FAVORS FULL APPLICATION AND DEFENSE OF RIGHT OF FREE TRADE AND NAVIGATION. WE CONSIDER IT IMPERMISSIBLE UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW FOR ANY COUNTRY, IN PEACE TIME AT THAT, TO APPLY SANCTIONS AGAINST OTHER COUNTRIES ON BASIS OF ITS ATTITUDE WITH REGARD TO ITS OWN RELATIONS WITH A THIRD COUNTRY. WE HOPE THAT US WILL RENOUNCE THIS ATTEMPT. IF NOT, THE ENTIRE QUESTION MAY BE BROUGHT TO ATTENTION OF A COMPETENT INTERNATIONAL BODY."

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